

### REMARKS

In response to the Decision on Petition to Withdraw Restriction Requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.144, issued on 17 June 2004, Applicant cancels claims 36 – 50. As such, original claims 1 – 35 are now pending in the present application.

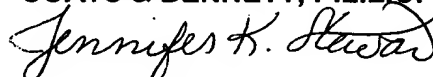
In an official communication dated 25 September 2003, the Examiner stated that claims 1 – 35 are allowable, and that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance at his earliest convenience.

Applicant believes this response addresses all outstanding issues related to the present application. However, should any issues remain, Applicant requests the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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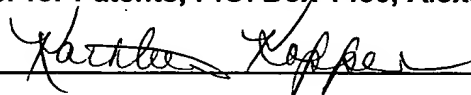
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